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Leadership La Plata thanks

On behalf of all of Leadership La Plata, we want to sincerely thank all those businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the success of the diversity session on Oct. 14.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Lynn Brittner, the executive director at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, as well as Fidelia Silva and Dwight Largie, for their tireless assistance in providing an incredible venue to have our diversity session. We were all extremely impressed with the facility.

We want to thank Mr. Eddie Box Jr. and Mrs. Betty Box for the blessing they performed to begin our session. It truly was a moving experience.

We also want to thank Barbara Cogswell and the Sky Ute Casino Resort for their gracious hosting of a reception after completion of the session.

We appreciate the generosity of Durango Joe's Coffee; Foundation for Protection of Animals; and Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel LLP.

To our moderators, Bill Bolden and Wanda Ellingson, it was an honor to work with you. Special thanks to Angela Atkinson and Tom Mann for sharing their teambuilding and leadership training skills with the class.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to our session sponsor, M3 Midstream, who provided the funding to underwrite costs necessarily incurred for the

program; we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

Many in the community contribute on an ongoing basis to Leadership La Plata, and we know we speak for all LLP class members and graduates when we say thank you for allowing this all-volunteer program to continue. It is a privilege to be part of Leadership La Plata.

*Sincerely,
Tim Birchard, Wendy Haugen,
and Charles Spence*

Health powwow thanks

The Health and Wellness Powwow Planning Committee would like to thank everyone involved in making the 2011 Health and Wellness Powwow another success.

This year, 350 spectators and dancers participated in the event. In addition, four drum groups and 14 vendors were present.

The planning committee for the Health and Wellness Powwow would like to express their appreciation to the SunUte Community Center and Multi-purpose Facility for hosting the event.

Community donations from Ignacio, Durango, Cortez, the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute chairman and Tribal Council members, the Tribal Court, the Growth Fund, and the Sky Ute Casino Resort were helpful in making the event happen.

The planning committee would like to recognize the following volunteers for their efforts: Terry Box,

Nova Burch, Eitta Frost, Blenda Ortiz, Angelo Valdez, Kenai Duran, Joanna Duran, Yolinda Joy, Robin Duffy-Worth, Justin Lupe, Marlena Begay, Mirelle Begay, Brittany Tsosie, Sharon Wing-Baker, Virgil Morgan, Aaron Weaver, Fernessa & Gabriel Richards, Susan Couch, Janay Tsosie, Jessica Rock, Alethea Anthony, Lark Goodtracks, Dana Kopf, Robert Ortiz, Trennie Burch, Barbara Scott-Rarick, John Rarick, Arla Duran, Dale White and Carol Whiteskunk.

Special thanks to the drum groups: 12 Gauge, Catching Eagle, Twinkling Star Eyes, and all other drums that sang for the powwow. Other thanks to the Veterans; Larry Tucker, Howard Richards, Roderick Grove, and Ute Mountain Ute veterans for presenting the color guard.

Additionally, we would like to thank the head staff: emcee John Oberly, Arena Director Bruce LeClaire, Head Gourd Dancer Andrew Frost, Head Man Dancer Dan Jefferson, Head Lady Dancer Tawny Knight, Head Boy Dancer David Boyd, and Head Girl Dancer Brianna Goodtracks-Alires. Final thanks to the Southern Ute Royalty.

We appreciate all who came and celebrated health and wellness. May this event continue to bring awareness for the prevention and treatment of chronic conditions that affect our communities.

*Health and Wellness Powwow
Planning Committee*

Community group seeks sites

Skills for Living and Learning has been serving children in the area communities since 1995.

This organization has moved several times to accommodate growth and to be able to serve all children who can benefit from the services offered. These services include a preschool developmental play group, after-school services, a summer program, and a Kindergarten-through-third-grade alternative school, Piedra Learning Community.

Staffed by certified teachers, occupational therapists and speech/language support and other qualified personnel who provide quality, state-of-the-art services, Skills for Living and Learning continues to grow and develop.

The governing board of directors for Skills for Living and Learning has been searching to find accommodations for these programs in the Ignacio community. Several sites have been visited, but none are large enough to house all of the services offered.

Because so much of our support comes from the Ignacio Schools, the Southern Ute Tribe and community members and approximately half of the children we have served are from the Ignacio area, it makes sense for us to locate there. If someone in the Ignacio area knows of a site that may be suitable, please contact us by visiting our website, www.skillsforlivingandlearning.org.

Thank you from the children, families and staff of Skills for Living and Learning and the Piedra Learning Community.

Susan Livingston, director

Candidate Borst letter

Mikque Nuche,

My name is Margie Chavez Borst, the daughter of the late Ollie Shuta Chavez and Mary Bent Box Chavez. I am from the Mouach Caputa band on my mother's side and Turkey and Corn clan on my father's side.

Every one of us here has a responsibility to our tribe. For parents, it is the care of our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the care for our parents and grandparents. Also our aunts and uncles.

For council members, it is our special relationship to build trust, confidence and the responsibility to be the decision maker, the protector and a leader for every 1,480 members of this tribe, from newborn infants to our elderly.

Tribal Council has many issues that demand our attention and that is why each of us has to adhere to the oath. I am there for you. I am dependable, a hard worker, committed, devoted and loyal.

Growing up was not easy in the '50s. We did not have money — no per capita. Mom sewed most of our

clothes, cooked some interesting meals, and sold "Studio Girl" cosmetics. She was always doing some interesting things. She had faith.

Dad was a farmer and rancher, and he believed in hard work. I always wanted to be just like Dad and would put his boots on and stomp around. Knowing my dad was a runner, I asked him what it was like for him to go long distances. He said "All you do is put one foot in front of the other and keep going."

Running takes discipline, and I am a runner.

Both said you need to listen and see what is going on around you. I have always kept those principles in mind. Today, there are many of you asking and demanding change in our government. I totally agree with you.

I support the start of listening sessions — just as the United States government has incorporated tribal consultation sessions — to improve communication as well as have a better understanding of tribal government and getting your needs met.

I imagine from your perspective, things could be quite challenging, scary, and maybe even a little confusing. If you want a leader who will be there for you, I am the one to vote for.

I have served for three years and have devoted myself in dealing with a number of complex issues.

I have supported the Healthy Warriors project and there are those that have lost weight and improved their overall health. I will continue to support that program, as well as the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.

Our health is very important. But it takes every one of us to help each other. Having good health is our birthright. But if we don't have the accessibility, accountability and trust in the clinic, we need to step up to voice our opinions for a change.

Shout out to our Southern Ute veterans, who say they want our Indian Health Service to have more availability to health care here in Ignacio so they don't have to travel far. I am working on that.

Finally, after many years of trying to get the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, it is a reality. Thanks to McKean Walton for stepping up, but I made it a point to make sure it was up and running.

Our youth are the seeds and we need to nourish them, tend to them like they are our precious plants. I thank those council members who had the initiative to create such a group. But today it is a reality.

People have stopped me and said, "Marge, what are we going to do about this or that?" Employment is always on top. Tribal Council has been dealing with the employment issue, and we

have contracted with Davis Innovations to review, analyze, and assess the hiring policy regarding the employment of tribal members.

I propose to champion new training and development programs for tribal members so they increase their job marketability and prepare graduates to enter the workforce by internships followed by secured employment by the tribe.

Another area is financial security. Whether it is for the whole tribe or our personal financial security, first we need to offer innovative financial education programs so that our families are able to be financially stable and credit-worthy, so that we move toward financial empowerment.

Secondly, financial security is a top priority for Tribal Council, and we understand the volatility in the financial markets and how they can affect the government. Tribal Council is informed daily and weekly by reviews of the investment reports; we have consultants that discuss the performance.

Tribal Chairman Pearl Casias recently wrote in an investment update that the council is comfortable with the current allocation and the performance of the investment portfolio, and we remain confident that the future goals and objectives of the Permanent Fund will continue to be fulfilled. But that is where you step in with focus groups. If you are concerned, please step forward to discuss your concerns.

Loren Gresham said "True leadership must be for the benefit of the people, not the enrichment of the institution."

The vision for change is now and in the coming years. I will look for things that we are doing well and expand them. I will look for things where we are not doing well and find ways to improve the efficiency of our tribal government. Yes, we need more efficiency and accountability in our tribe.

I am one of you. I came from a modest background, worked hard, and over the years I have traveled to several countries and throughout the United States. I have lived in Connecticut, Maryland and New York, and I have always felt in my heart and have thought in my mind that our nation is a great nation.

I know most of you personally, and I see each of you as an integral member of our nation. I honor and respect each of you. You are important to me, and that is why it is so critical for you to vote this Friday.

I want to thank you for all your support. I truly appreciate your interest and concern for our nation's future and look forward to continue serving you in the years to come. I am trustworthy and dependable. Together, there are great things we can do. Let's go for it.

Marge Borst

Obituaries



CUTHAIR – Delbert W. Cuthair, Sr., passed on to the spirit world October 24, 2011. He passed on from natural causes, surrounded by his family at his home in Ignacio, Colo.

Delbert was born April 15, 1951, in Ignacio. In 1970 he graduated from Ignacio High School, where he played basketball, football, and baseball. His friends used to call him "the rabbit," because he was so fast. After high school, he worked with the tribe performing numerous jobs, including grounds maintenance, animal control, and managing Lake Capote. His most favorite job was taking care of the buffalo.

Delbert enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time with his family. Most of all, he loved to visit with his children and grandchildren — his grandchildren were his world. He also enjoyed his Sunday morning breakfasts at the casino with his family.

He is preceded in death by his great-granddaughter Gemini L. Chavez Cloud; his mother, Belle Cuthair; father, Curtis Cuthair; brothers Lavern Cuthair, Carl Williams, Sr., and Richard Cuthair; and sisters Darlene Garcia, Christine Gomez, and Vera Sage.

He is survived by his children Delbert (Renae) Cuthair, Jr., Bernadine (Braulio) Cuthair, and Maria (Anthony) Archuleta; best friend, Veronica Silva; brother Danny (Sally) Bean; sister Garnet Olguin; goddaughter Joyce Vigil; and stepchildren Diedra Contreras, Jeremiah (Cass) Montoya and Sammy Montoya; all of Ignacio. Delbert leaves behind 12 grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and his birth mother, Arabella Williams, of Durango.

A viewing was held Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at Hood Mortuary Chapel. A memorial service took place Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at the Southern Ute Chapel in Ignacio, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Davita Dialysis in memory of Delbert W. Cuthair, Sr.



SEWARD – Allen Seward, 87, passed into the presence of the Lord on Oct. 19, 2011. He died from complications related to pneumonia. Services to celebrate his life were held in Whittier, CA and he was laid to rest beside his wife Tula in Albertville, Alabama.

Allen was born in Abilene, Texas on Aug. 24, 1924. He grew up in Oklahoma City and Illinois. He worked as a "rough necker" in the oil fields of Wyoming and Oklahoma but soon made a decision to go into full time ministry of the gospel. While in seminary he worked as the music and educational director at a Baptist church in Louisiana. There, during a mission's conference, he met a young missionary, named Tula Robinson. After a year of corresponding, the couple married on July 20, 1954, in Tula's hometown of Albertville, Alabama. They began their missionary work together in Roanoke, Virginia at an inner city mission. In 1964, Allen and Tula accepted a call from the

North American Mission Board to minister with the Southern Ute Indians in Ignacio, Colorado. They were blessed with 3 children born in Alabama and Virginia.

The family moved to the beautiful La Plata area in July 1964. Allen and Tula worked with the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Indians for 15 years. The family lived in Ignacio and Allen and Tula led an active mission with church services every week, weekly Bible classes for the children, Vacation Bible School and Bible camps in the summer and visiting tribal members in hospitals. Allen could be seen driving the green "carryall" wagon to pick up people for church all over the reservation. Allen loved the Ute people and wanted them to have good safe homes. He volunteered for the Southern Ute Housing Authority for several years and went along with inspectors to make sure the homes were built with proper materials. Allen loved to visit people and enjoyed stopping at the local cafes for a cup of coffee and a chat with friends. People will remember "Brother Seward" for his big broad smile and always sharing the love of Jesus with people he met.

Brother Allen and Tula later moved to New Mexico where they worked with other native people in the Gallup area until 1989 when they retired and moved to Southern California to be near their daughters. After his dear wife Tula passed in 2009, Allen lived with his daughters in Whittier, CA and continued to enjoy reading his daily devotions, taking walks, and visiting with people over a cup of coffee. Wherever he went he shared his faith in Jesus and encouraged people with a word of scripture, prayer or maybe just a big cheerful smile.

Allen is survived by his children Curtis and Roxane Seward of Utah, Alicia Seward and Catricia Seward of Whittier, CA. Grandchildren Chris Seward, Jammie Johnson and Teresa Hayes and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother and sisters – in law, Lewis, Betty and Doris Robinson and many nieces and nephews in the Albertville area.

Well Done, good and faithful servant. Come and share your master's happiness! Matt. 25: 21

Condolences can be expressed at www.rishermortuary.com or the family address Seward's, 5445 Adele Ave. Whittier, CA 90601. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the North American Mission Board at the website www.namb.org

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